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7	*Madhya Pradesh* (Including Indore,Bhopal, Telephone Districts) .	29,202
8	*Maharashtra* (Including Bombay, Nagpur and Pune Telephone Districts. Also serving Goa)	2,60,194
9	*North East* (Covering Assam, Tripura, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and including Gauhati Telephone Districts)	7,846
10	*North West* (Covering Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh. Including Amritsar, Chandigarh, Jullundur and Ludhiana Tele- Telephone Districts)	63,073
11	*Orissa*	4,284
12	*Rajasthan* (Including Jaipur Telephone District) . . .	30,919
13	*Tamil Nadu* (Including Coimbatore, Madras, and Madurai Telephone Districts, Also serving Pondichery)	73,266
14	*Uttar Pradesh* (Including Agra, Allahabad, Lucknow, Kanpur & Varanasi Telephone District)	39,160
15	*West Bengal* (Including Calcutta Telephone District) . .	36,361
16	*Delhi* (Delhi Telephone District) Delhi Union Territory .	1,52,224
	TOTAL	10,000,95

Telephone services in rural areas

709. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the proportion of telephone connections in urban areas and rural areas respectively;

(b) whether there is any proposal to connect all the rural Post Offices in the country with telephones; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) As on 31-3-1985, the proportion of telephone connections in Urban and Rural areas is about 7.2:1 respectively.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b).

STD connections in Maharashtra

710. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many cities of the country are having S.T.D. services;

(b) how many cities and towns of Maharashtra State are having S.T.D. connections; and

(c) whether there is any proposal for providing STD connections in different towns of Maharashtra State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) There are 361 cities in the country having STD services as on 31-1-86.

(b) There are 33 cities and towns in Maharashtra State having STD facilities as on 31-1-86.

(c) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal for providing STD facilities to 21 towns of Maharashtra State during the 7th Plan period.

Nanded telephones

711. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the proposal under consideration of Government to introduce new technology in telecommunication system of the country;

(b) by when telephones will start working efficiently;

(c) the progress made in the construction of Max. II building (Telephone Building) in Nanded Town of Maharashtra State;

(d) whether it is a fact that two Union Ministers laid the foundation stone of the building;

(e) whether it is also a fact that due to lack of accommodation new telephone connections are held up in Nanded City of Maharashtra State; and

(f) what steps Government intend to take for the improvement in telephone net work of Nanded City?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) For medium capacity exchanges digital electronic equipments are planned to be introduced progressively. The possibilities are being explored to introduce this technology by local manufacturing either through collaboration or with indigenous knowhow. This will modernise the local telephone service. Efforts are made to keep the telephones working efficiently.

(c) Construction of MAX-I (not MAX-II) type of building in Nanded is held up due to a court case.

(d) Union Home Minister and the then Communication Minister were present during foundation stone laying ceremony.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Efforts are being made to get the stay order vacated. A 2500 line exchange is planned to increase the capacity of telephone net work.

New co-axial line between Aurangabad and Hyderabad

712. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of COMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress in laying out new co-axial lines between Aurangabad and Hyderabad;

(b) how many cities would be benefited by having STD lines on this new Project; and

(c) whether Nizamabad, Nanded, Parbani Jalna would get STD lines soon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) A coaxial cable system in the range 2.6 MHZ (capacity 600 channel) is planned from Aurangabad to Nanded only. There is at present no plan to have link between Nanded and Nizamabad. From Nizamabad to Hyderabad coaxial cable link is existing.

For Aurangabad-Nanded section, the laying of coaxial cable is completed. Repeaters and some MUX equipments have been received but line terminal equipment have been targetted to be supplied by M/s. I.T.I. in the year 1986-87.

(b) Jalna, Parbhani and Nanded.

(c) Nizamabad is a District Headquarter in Andhra Pradesh and Nanded. Parbhani and Jalna are the District Headquarters of Maharashtra.